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1. TRANSMITTED BELOW IS TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY EGYPT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND FORMALLY CIRCULATED TODAY IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.
2. G-77 DRAFT IS OSTENSIBLY A COUNTER TO THE NORDIC PROPOSAL ON STRENGTHENING THE TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (REFTEL). NORDIC PROPOSAL HAS BEEN ABANDONED IN FACE OF G-77 INSISTENCE THAT PROPOSED STUDY OF THE CAPACITY OF THE UN SYSTEM TO RENDER FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTERS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IF IT WERE TO BE MADE, SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY UNCTAD AND NOT BY THE UNSYG, AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH NORDICS AND OTHER WEOS WERE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT.
2. OUR LINE, SUBJECT TO DEPT'S COMMENTS, WOULD BE TO ASK G-77 WHETHER DRAFT RESOLUTION INTENDED TO BE ESSENTIALLY REPETITIOUS OF UNCTAD RES 87 (10). IF SO WE WOULD ARGUE THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR ECOSOC TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD ADD NOTHING TO THE NAIROBI ACTION AND MIGHT, BECAUSE OF DIFFERENT WORDING, BE OPEN TO INTERPRETATIONS NOT INTENDED IN UNCTAD RES 87 (IV). IF G-77 DRAFT ON THE OTHER HAND IS UNCLASSIFIED

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INTENDED TO GO BEYOND RES 87 (IV) WE WOULD OPPOSE IT ON THE

GROUND THAT THE NAIROBI REYMLUTION REPRESENTS A DELICATELY
BALANCED COMPROMISE WHICH WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO GO BEYOND.
IF NEITHER OF THESE APPROACHES ARE PERSUASIVE TO G-77 WE WOULD
INSIST THAT DRAFT RESOLUTON BE WORDED SO AS CLEARLY NOT TO
GO BEYOND 87 (IV) EITHER IN RESPECT OF AUTHORITY GIVEN UNCTAD
IN THIS FIELD OR EXTENT TO WHICH OTHER UN AGENCIES CALLED ON
TO COOPERATE WITH UNCTAD.

3. INTERESTED WEO DELS MEETING EARLY JULY 28 TO CONSIDER G-77
DRAFT. DEPT'S COMMENTS REQUESTED BY OPENING OF BUSINESS
JULY 28.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY EGYPT
ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77

STRENGTHENING THE TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY OF DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3201 (S-VI) AND 3202
(S-VI), ON THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER, IN PARTICULAR
SECTION IV OF RESOLUTION 3202 (S-VI),

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3281 (XXIX), ON
THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, IN PARTICULAR
ARTICLES 9 13 AND 22 OF THE SAID CHARTER,

RECALLING FURTHER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3507 (XXX) ON
INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF THE TRANSFER OF
TECHNOLOGY,

RECALLING ALSO RESOLUTION 87 (IV) ON STRENGTHENING THE TECH-
NOLOGICAL CAPACITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ADOPTED BY THE
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AT ITS FOURTH
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SESSION, WHICH AFFIRMED INTER ALIA THAT NATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL
CAPACITY IS THE CORNER STONE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,

1. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGAN-
IZATION, THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE WORLD
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION AND OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES
AND APPROPRIATE BODIES TO COLLABORATE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO PROCEED TO THE

IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS RESOLUTION 87 (IV), IN PARTICULAR THE PART REFERRING TO THE CREATION AND DEVELOPMENT OR STRENGTHENING, AS APPROPRIATE, OF CENTRES FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND DEVELOPMENT AT THE NATIONAL, SUBREGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS;

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE HEADS OF THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION AND OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED, TO RENDER FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OR STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL CENTRES FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, BEARING IN MIND THE VARIOUS FUNCTIONS OF SUCH CENTRES, INTER ALIA THE IDENTIFICATION OF TECHNOLOGY, THE COLLECTION, EVALUATION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION, ASSISTANCE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, THE ADAPTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY SUITED TO DOMESTIC NEEDS AND PRIORITIES, AND TO ACT AS DYNAMIC ELEMENTS IN STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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